

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

Inventors: **David S. Bonalle, et al.** Docket No.: **70655.1400**  
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Title: **METHOD FOR BIOMETRIC SECURITY USING A SMARTCARD**

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.